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SUBJECT: TURKISH FONMIN'S REACTION TO SECURITY ASSISTANCE
FIGURES FOR TURKEY

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1. IN MARCH 1 MEETING WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSION REPORTED SEPTEL, CAGLAYANGIL SAID THAT HE HAD NOTED THE USG'S NEW BUDGET REQUEST TO CONGRESS HAD CALLED FOR TURKISH MILITARY ASSISTANCE AT LEVEL CALLED FOR BY DCA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THIS MIGHT BE A SIGNAL THAT US HAD DECIDED TO TRY TO GET DCA APPROPRIATIONS FROM CONGRESS WHILE FORGOING EFFORT TO GET CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON DCA ITSELF.

- 2. I SAID THIS WAS AN INCORRECT INTERPRETATION BECAUSE AS OF THE PRESENT TIME NO DECISION HAD BEEN MADE BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE DCA. BUT IF IT WAS PASSED BY THE CONGRESS, THE ADMINISTRATION NEEDED TO HAVE THE FIGURES IT CALLED FOR REFLECTED IN THE BUDGET REQUEST THE FONMIN HAD REFERRED TO.
- 3. CAGLAYANGIL ACCEPTED THIS EXPLANATION BUT ADDED THAT HE NONETHELESS WISHED TO EMPHASIZE THAT WHAT THE GOT WANTED WAS NOT JUST THE MONEY BUT THE AGREEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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ITSELF AND THAT IF THE LATTER WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE CONGRESS, THEN NO TURKISH GOVERNMENT COULD KEEP OUR MILITARY PARTNERSHIP INTACT. THE MONEY WAS IMPORTANT TO THE MILITARY BUT TURKISH POLITICAL FIGURES COULD NOT SETTLE FOR A US SOLUTION TO OUR PRESENT PROBLEMS WHICH KEPT THE MONEY COMING BUT AVOIDED ENDORSING THE DCA. I SUGGESTED THAT THIS KIND OF POSITON-TAKING WAS NOT

ONLY PREMATURE IN THE LIGHT OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S CURRENT REVIEW OF THE DCA, BUT RATHER SURPRISING AS WELL. I WOULD HAVE EXPECTED, I SAID, THAT THE GOT WOULD HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED RATHER THAN CONCERNED TO SEE SUCH A SUBSTANTIAL AID FIGURE IN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET.

4. COMMENT: FORGOING CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL. LATTER'S CLARIFICATION WILL BE PASSED TO MFA.
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